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Dear Dr. Neter:

Thank you for the reprint sent under cover of your letter of January 20. I will be most happy to continue the exchange of publications on topics of mutual interest. As I may already have told you, my colleague Dr. Aleck Bernstein is now engaged in a genetic study of the specific E. coli serotypes.

You asked for my comment on the remarks in your discussion at page 381. Your suggestion appears to be eminently sound. There is very little that I could add to it at the present time in view of the very limited range of our knowledge of transduction processes.

I have been hoping for some time that we might be able to develop material appropriate for an experimental investigation of this point. The best prospects at the present time would probably be in the diphtheria system.

Yours sincerely,

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